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Applicant(s): Nowak et al.  
 Serial No.: 10/644,271  
 For: A BALL VALVE  
 Filed: August 20, 2003  
 Examiner: Tuan N. Nguyen  
 Art Unit: 3751  
 Confirmation No.: 5167  
 Customer No.: 27,623

Attorney Docket No.: 175.7903USU

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COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450**

Dear Sir:

AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

We are enclosing an amendment in response to the final Office Action dated June 7, 2005 in the above-identified application.

Petition for extension of time pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.137 is hereby made if, and to the extent, required. The fee for this extension of time is calculated to be \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to extend the time for filing this response until \_\_\_\_\_.

The fee for any change in number of claims has been calculated as shown below.

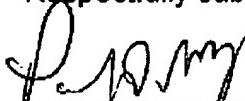
CLAIMS AS AMENDED						
	Claims Remaining After Amendment		Highest Number Previously Paid	Present Extra	Rate	
Total Claims	8	Minus	20	0	x \$50.00	\$0
Independent Claims	2	Minus	3	0	x \$200.00	\$0
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM FEE						x \$360.00 = \$0
TOTAL FEE FOR CLAIM CHANGES						\$0.00
1/2 FILING FEE FOR SMALL ENTITY						\$N/A

The total fee for this amendment, including claim changes and any extension of time is calculated to be \$ 0.00.

       A check in the amount of \$ 0.00 is attached.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16 and 1.17 which may be required with this communication or during the entire pendency of the application, or credit any overpayment, to **Deposit Account No. 01-0467**. A duplicate copy of this Form is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,



July 25, 2005

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**AMENDMENT**

Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated June 7, 2005, please amend the present application as follows:

**Listing of the Claims** begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 4 of this paper.